

Boland, Ernest P 77

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 6-6-77

FULL NAME ERNEST P. Boland  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 4325 BARNETT Shoals Rd.

CITY ATHENS STATE GA ZIP CODE 30601

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 53 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Baptist NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION PEST CONTROL - Boland Bonded (OWNER)

EDUCATION College

WEIGHT 210 COLOR White HEIGHT 6'0

COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Blue

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED OR SINGLE MARRIED CHILDREN Barry 22 - Beth 19  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME BETH

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T-22	Athens	GA	SM		
T-2	"	"	"		
T-3	"	"	"		
SPECIAL RECOGNITION <u>Silver Beaver - Southern Key</u>					

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

- ☐ CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT ☒ SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS  
☐ OFFICIAL CHARGES OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT (REVIEW) ☐ UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE  
AND LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

NOTED  
JUN 16 1977  
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Ron Heywood  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council Northeast Georgia

June 24, 1977

Mr. Ron Hegwood  
Scout Executive  
Northeast Georgia Council, No. 101

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Ernest P. Boland

Dear Ron:

Thank you for the latest information concerning the above Scouter.

If you should find it possible to obtain the statement from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] please send it to us and we will add it to his file. We have  
reviewed the case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on  
the Confidential File. Your efforts in this area are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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National Office—Boy Scouts of America

North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902  
Telephone: 201 249-6000  
TWX 710-480-6262

May 27, 1977

Mr. Ron Hegwood  
Scout Executive  
Northeast Georgia Co. No. 101

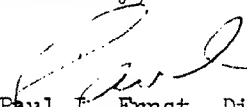
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Ernest P. Boland

Dear Ron:

In response to the detailed information you provided concerning the above Scouter we are enclosing a confidential record sheet.

In addition to this completed record sheet we would appreciate a signed statement from [REDACTED] if possible. Also, we need to know if there have been any recent events concerning this man, since all the incidents mentioned seem to have happened years ago. We will then review this case with our attorney and at that time determine if the evidence is strong enough to warrant placing on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

  
Paul F. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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*Paul*  
*I will try to get the statement*  
*from [REDACTED] hope I can --*  
*this man should not be registered*  
*again*  
*Ron*  
*Let's try to find out if*  
*there was any documentation*  
*from [REDACTED] or*  
*anyone else?*  
*6/12*

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May 27, 1977

Mr. Ron Hegwood  
Scout Executive  
Northeast Georgia Co. No. 101

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Ernest P. Boland

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Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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Do you think

I should request  
a signed statement  
from [REDACTED]

if possible

when I send record  
sheet? or is this

enough  
WERE THERE EVENTS PRESENTLY?  
BY NAME  
MENTIONED  
YES/NO  
IF NOT MENTIONED  
PLEASE GIVE  
INFO

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NORTHEAST GEORGIA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BEECHWOOD OFFICE BUILDING - P. O. BOX 5878  
ATHENS, GA. 30604  
TELEPHONE 548-5293

April 27, 1977

SUBJECT: Statement concerning Ernest P. Boland

FROM: Ron Hegwood, Scout Executive  
Northeast Georgia Council  
Boy Scouts of America

Based on the following facts, I believe there is justifiable cause to place the name of Ernest P. Boland of Box 109, Barnett Shoals Road., Athens, Georgia on the confidential list of the Boy Scouts of America and to deny him registration as an adult Scouting volunteer. As Scout Executive of the Northeast Georgia Council, I recommend this action.

The Facts:

May 1972 - Upon assuming the position of Scout Executive of the Northeast Georgia Council in May 1972, I was informed of certain accusations concerning sexual misconduct involving Ernest Boland. Scout Executive Buford Hill stated that [REDACTED] had brought charges to the B.S.A. Troop 2 committee stating that Boland had forced his son to perform oral sex acts with Boland acting as the male figure. These alleged acts occurred between 1961-63 during the time Boland was serving as Scoutmaster for Troop 22, 1st Baptist Church of Athens. According to [REDACTED], it was several years

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after the incidents and during psychiatric counseling that his son reported the facts. In the meantime, Boland had resigned as Scoutmaster of Troop 22 and after a 2 year period of Scouting inactivity, he had organized Troop 2 of Green Acres Baptist Church, serving as Scoutmaster. At the time of the accusations, the troop committee of Troop 2 (after careful deliberation) determined to ask for Boland's resignation as Scoutmaster. However, before the troop committee could act, Boland resigned giving health reasons.

There was strong evidence that Boland had been involved with several Scouts, however, in all cases, it was his word against another individual.

Hopefull that the situation had been resolved by Boland's resignation, Buford Hill determined that the best course was to inform me and then to suspend any further action. Based on my knowledge of the situation, I concurred in this decision.

1973-75: During this period, Boland repeatedly made overtures to me concerning the organization of a new Scout troop with him serving as Scoutmaster. I was able to discourage this action for 3 years with evasions and generalities. In the summer of 1975, he asked me the point-blank question, "Is my name on the Confidential List of B.S.A. and can you prevent me from becoming a Scoutmaster?" I again discouraged him from becoming a Scoutmaster but had to admit that I could not prevent his registration.

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He (Boland) immediately began the organization of Troop 3 sponsored by Beech Haven Baptist Church of Athens. This troop was chartered in the fall of 1975.

April 1976: [REDACTED] visited the Scout office and made the following accusations:

- (1) Boland had forced his son, who was [REDACTED] to perform oral sex acts with Boland playing the male dominate role.
- (2) There was reason to believe that there were as many as 10-12 boys involved, but in every case, parents had determined not to come forward because of the potential for harm to their sons who were now adults with families.
- (3) He restated all charges given to the Troop 2 committee in May 1972.

My reaction was that I would seek advice on the matter which I did from two attorneys and an Area Director. There was still concern that we could place charges that would hold up in a court of law. [REDACTED] was to get back in touch...which he did not do until January 1977.

January 1977: [REDACTED] made contact and stated that he had determined to drop the matter due to possible harm to his son who was now 30 years of age and a practicing dentist. During the conversation, another name [REDACTED] was brought up who was to have allegedly been involved with Boland on the same basis.

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February 1977: I called Paul Ernst at the National Office and he advised me on how to proceed.

In an appointment with [REDACTED] (age 29) he stated that Boland had in fact made him perform oral sex acts with Boland again playing the male role. In addition, the roles were reversed with [REDACTED] acting as the male. At the time of these acts, [REDACTED] was 12 years of age and was a ward of Boland's on the action of the Clarke County Juvenile Court.

[REDACTED] stated that several other boys were forced to do the same type sex acts. He further stated that he would face Boland with the charges and that he would assist me in locating other boys who were alleged to have been involved.

March 1977: I had not discussed this matter with Troop 3's committee but I did determine to discuss the matter with the Pastor of Beech Haven Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. James N. Griffith. In a discussion with Rev. Griffith, a few additional facts were uncovered.

- (1) Boland has kept an apartment away from his residence and without the knowledge of his family. The alleged purpose of which was being involved with male companions.
- (2) While at Army Reserve training this past year, he had provided airline tickets for two Scouts (from broken homes) to fly to Maryland to spend the week with him in a motel.

March 10, 1977: After this detailed investigation, I determined to ask for his resignation as Scoutmaster and on Thursday evening March 10, 1977, I (by myself) asked him to resign as Scoutmaster


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and to not attempt to become involved in Scouting activities at anytime in the future. I did not make any accusations. His reaction was passive and on March 11, 1977 he wrote the attached letter.

Postscript: The complicated part of this matter deals with the image the man portrays to the community. He is a Colonel in the Army Reserve, a Rotarian, active in many community and civic affairs including Advisory Board of the Clarke County Board of Education. He has served as Scoutmaster for 25 years with an average troop size of 75 members annually and 20 members of the troop committee. Hundreds of Scouts have earned the Eagle award under his guidance and his troop was on one occasion written up in Boy's Life.

It is with regret but with unswerving conviction that I recommend placing Ernest P. Boland on the Confidential List of the B.S.A.

  
Ron Hegwood  
Scout Executive

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MEMBER NATIONAL PEST CONTROL ASSN.



MEMBER GEORGIA PEST CONTROL ASSN.



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ATHENS, GEORGIA 30601

TELEPHONE 548.1391

March 11, 1977

Mr. Jerry Pace  
Troop Committee Chairman  
Troop 3  
185 N. Homewood Drive  
Athens, Georgia 30606

Dear Jerry:

I've known for some time now that I would have to write this letter of resignation as Scoutmaster of Troop # 3.

There are several minor reasons, but the major reason is I have completely abandoned my business during the past year, and the profits show it. Of course, you know a person must earn a living for his family. I must therefore ask you to replace me as your scoutmaster. There is no way to quit but quit completely.

I'd recommend Ed Mulligan or John Pickett as a replacement. Either man is outstanding and both have worked closely with me and know how the program was meant to work.

I have studied about this for the past two or three months and I feel that now is the time, before my busy season starts at the company. I therefore resign effective the 15th of April.

I leave a very ambitious program that can be changed if the new leader doesn't want to follow it completely, and these changes would not affect the troop's functions in any way.

I toyed with the idea of dropping the canoe trip and other high adventure tours, but even that could not buy me the time I need.

I must therefore say I have enjoyed my association with Troop 3, and all of you who have helped me with it. I will watch with pleasure and pride as you achieve success in all that you do.

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# *Boland Bonded*

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We have a great Troop. I certainly hope it can always be that way. I will continue doing what I can for scouting as an adult scouter. Later I might take a job as commissioner or some job that doesn't require the time that it takes to be a scoutmaster.

Thank you and the committee for your support and I especially thank Jeanette Sentell for all that she has meant to Troop 3.

So, I will let April 15th be my last day and I will do everything possible to help the new leader step in.

Yours in Scouting,

  
Ernest P. Boland

EPB/jsl

cc:

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2. Mr. Bob Settle, Chairman, Youth Commission  
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239 Sandstone Drive, Athens, Georgia
4. Mrs. Perry Sentell, Jr., Mothers Club  
495 Forrest Heights Drive, Athens, Georgia
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7. Mr. Bill Zeitler, Committeeman  
183 Stafford Drive, Athens, Georgia
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109 Alpine Way, Athens, Georgia
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10. Mr. Ron Hegwood, Scout Executive N.E.Ga. Council BSA  
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